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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN

E. O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR, SCUL, CSCE, CVIS, UR, US (NADLER, GERALD)  
SUBJECT: CORRESPONDENTS' VISAS

1. I BELIEVE DECISION TO ISSUE VISA TO TASS CORRESPONDENT  
LEVCHENKO WITHOUT, PAARENTLY, ANY ASSURANCE IN REGARD TO  
UPI'S NADLER, IS UNFORTUNATE AND RECOMMEND THAT  
RECONSIDERATION BE GIVEN THIS MATTER BEFORE ACTION IS TAKEN.

2. TO MY KNOWLEDGE, SOVIETS HAVE REFUSED TO GIVE ANY REASON  
FOR DELINING VISA TO NADLER AND WE KNOW OF NO VALID REASON  
FOR SOVIETS TO OBJECT TO HIM. THE ONLY MEANS WE HAVE TO  
RESTRAIN SUCH ARBITRARY BEHAVIOR IN THE LONG RUN IS TO  
DEMONSTRATE CONSISTENTLY THAT SOVIETS WILL BE REQUIRED TO  
PAY PRICE IF THEY RESORT TO IT. IF WE SIMPLY ISSUE LEVCHENKO  
VISA NOW, THE SIGNAL IS QUITE THE OPPOSITE: THAT THEY CAN  
DEAL AS ARBITRARILY AS THEY WISH WITH U.S. JOURNALISTS.  
FURTHERMORE, THE LOCAL U.S. PRESS CORPS IS THOROUGHLY  
FAMILIAR WITH THE NADLER CASE AND THE PRESS GUIDANCE  
PROVIDED WITH STATE 98453 CERTAINLY WILL NOT CONVINCE  
THEM THAT THE USG IS ACTING WITH THEIR INTERESTS IN MIND.

3. THIS QUESTION ALSO HAS IMPLICATIONS BEYOND PRESS  
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REPRESENTATION. AS YOU KNOW, SOVIETS HAVE BEEN BUILDING UP  
PUBLIC CASE AGAINST EMBASSY OFFICER PRESEL, USING TOTALLY  
UNFOUNDED ACCUSATIONS AND INNUENDO. IF WE DEMONSTRATE A  
WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT LESS THAN FULL RECIPROCITY IN THE  
MATTER OF JOURNALISTS' VISAS, SOVIETS MAY WELL CONCLUDE  
THAT THEY CAN MOVE WITH IMPUNITY AGAINST PRESEL. OUR  
FAILURE TO RETALIATE ON THE BREMENT OUSTER LAST YEAR IS

ALSO RELEVANT HERE: THIS IS SIMPLY NO TIME TO WEAKEN OUR  
INSISTANCE ON RECIPROCITY.

4. FOR THESE REASONS, I HAVE INSTRUCTED OUR CONSUL TO DELAY  
ISSUING THE LEVCHENKO VISA UNTIL CONSIDERATIONS I HAVE  
OUTLINED ABOVE HAVE BEEN APPROPRIATELY WEIGHED. IF  
IT IS THEN DETERMINED THAT THE LEVCHENKO VISA SHOULD BE  
ISSUED, WE SHALL OF COURSE DO SO PROMPTLY.  
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